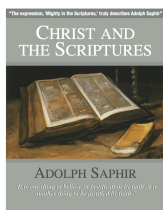


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February 11th, 2018

"My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our GOD."

(DEUTERONOMY 33:2-3)



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Sunday School 10:00 am

Sunday Worship 11:00 am

Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm

No Wednesday Worship Service this Week

Due to our Conference this weekend

Please RSVP for the Men's Breakfast

Saturday morning, February 17th @ 9 am

This evening's podcast will be from PASTOR TODD NIBERT

2 CORINTHIANS 11:2-4 — THE GREAT DECEPTION (4-22-1995)

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FEB 16TH @ 7 PM | FEB 17TH @ 9 AM (MEN'S BREAKFAST), 6 PM | FEB 18TH @ 10 AM

PASTOR DONNIE BELL, & PASTOR DAVID PLEDGER

ELECTION, PREDESTINATION, REDEMPTION, REGENERATION, & PROVIDENCE

"BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOM THOU CHOOSEST, AND CAUSEST TO APPROACH UNTO THEE, THAT HE MAY DWELL IN THY COURTS: WE SHALL BE SATISFIED WITH THE GOODNESS OF THY HOUSE, EVEN OF THY HOLY TEMPLE."

(PSALM 65:4)

Here are some terms I constantly use in preaching the gospel. They are terms by which the works of God's grace are presented to us in Holy Scripture, either verbally or by unmistakable examples or illustrations. They are Bible words, words that every confessing believer ought to know. Did you know they were in the Bible?

e·lec·tion

election is God's sovereign, eternal choice and determination to save some, a great multitude of Adam's fallen race. It is a free, unconditional, irreversible act of God's sovereign grace, by which the everlasting salvation of all the chosen was secured from eternity.

>>> PSALM 65:4; JOHN 15:16; EPH 1:3-6; 2 THESS 2:13-14; ROMANS 11:29

pre-des-ti-na-tion

predestination is God's sovereign, eternal arrangement of all the affairs of the universe to secure the object of his electing love; to secure the everlasting salvation of his adopted sons and daughters. It is God's plan, the blueprint by which he created the universe and rules it in providence. This great, blessed work of God's grace includes all things and can never be altered. This, too, is a matter of such unmistakable, clear revelation that ignorance of it is inexcusable.

>>> ACTS 13:48; EPHESIANS 1:4-5,1:11; ROMANS 8:29

re-demp-tion

redemption is the ransom of chosen sinners out from under the curse of God's broken law and offended justice by the sacrificial, substitutionary, sin-atoning death of our LORD JESUS. Redemption is the satisfaction of justice by the blood of CHRIST and the deliverance of God's elect from all possibility of condemnation. The redemption of our souls by CHRIST's shed blood also includes and guaranteed the redemption (deliverance) of our souls from the bondage and dominion of sin (ISAIAH 53:10-11), and the redemption of our bodies from the grave at the resurrection (1 CORINTHIANS 1:30; EPHESIANS 1:14,4:30). All who were redeemed by the blood of CHRIST must and shall be saved by God's grace in Him.

>>> EPHESIANS 1:7; GALATIANS 3:13; COLOSSIANS 1:14; 1 PETER 1:18-20

re-gen-er-a-tion

regeneration is the new birth, the actual deliverance of chosen, redeemed sinners from spiritual death into spiritual life by the effectual power and irresistible grace of God the Holy Spirit. It is a resurrection from spiritual death, to spiritual eternal life in CHRIST by the Spirit of God.

>>> JOHN 3:8; EPHESIANS 2:1-4; COLOSSIANS 2:10-13

prov-i-dence

providence is the glorious, though mysterious, sovereign rule of the universe by God for the salvation of his people and the praise, honor, and glory of his own great name. Providence is God working out in time what he purposed in eternity.

>>> ROMANS 8:28,11:36; EPHESIANS 1:11

Nothing is more comforting, nothing inspires boldness, and nothing gives peace like a good understanding of and a confident faith in God's *election, predestination, redemption, regeneration, and providence*.

I exhort you to read your Bibles to see if these things are so.

PASTOR DONALD BELL

READING THE SCRIPTURES

“‘THE LAW OF THY MOUTH IS BETTER UNTO ME THAN THOUSANDS OF GOLD AND SILVER.’ — ‘HOW SWEET ARE THY WORDS UNTO MY TASTE! YEA, SWEETER THAN HONEY TO MY MOUTH!’” (PSALM 119:72,103)

In reading the Scriptures, we ought to approach as to a sanctuary, with awe and reverence, with a collected mind and a solemn, docile heart. And how thankful ought we to be for this revelation, for its fulness and simplicity, for the great truths it unfolds and the minute counsels it contains, for its doctrine and consolation [comfort]; the history of the past and the prophecy of the future, the example of the saints and the varied experiences of God's children. If an angel from heaven, who had been before God's throne for thousands of years, came down to earth, and dwelling among us, was willing to communicate unto us out of the treasure of his knowledge of divine things, how eagerly we would seek his society [company], and how attentively we would treasure up his words. But the Bible is better than such a celestial messenger. It is given by God Himself, as the best and most perfect teacher. He, in his infinite wisdom, has adapted both the matter and manner to our wants and peculiar position in this world. He has revealed to us things into which the very angels desire to look. What can be more precious than his own language and his own words, revealing to us the inmost thoughts and purposes of his heart? We ought to open the Bible with the most lively gratitude. Here is indeed a treasure invaluable. “Oh, how I love thy Word! it is better than thousands of gold and silver; it is sweeter than honey and the honeycomb” [PSALM 119:72,103].

[PASTOR] ADOLPH SAPHIR (1831-1891)

An excerpt from Adolph Saphir's book “Christ and the Scriptures”

“...THE WORK OF RIGHTEOUSNESS SHALL BE PEACE”

“AND THE WORK OF RIGHTEOUSNESS SHALL BE PEACE; AND THE EFFECT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS QUIETNESS AND ASSURANCE FOR EVER.”

(ISAIAH 32:17)

Beloved, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; the effect of His righteousness, His *finished* saving work of righteousness shall be peace, quietness, and assurance for ever (“*The LORD our righteousness*” JEREMIAH 33:16). “*And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation...in sure dwellings...in quiet resting places*” (ISAIAH 32:18). I *know* the LORD will bless His people with His Word. Indeed, that blessing shall be by, with, and in the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ [ROMANS 8:28]. Amen!

PASTOR